

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652:GDS  
TAGS: EAIR, UR  
SUBJECT: TU-144 FLIGHTS

REF: MOSCOW 11840

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH E/C COUNSELOR JULY 4, DEPUTY  
CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY OF  
CIVIL AVIATION MIRZOYAN STATED THAT THERE ARE NO PRESENT  
PLANS TO INTRODUCE TU-144 SUPERSONIC JET SERVICE TO  
Khabarovsk OR TO ANY OTHER SOVIET CITIES THAN ALMA ATA,  
WHICH IS SERVED AT PRESENT.

2. IN DISCUSSING REPORTS THAT ANGLO-FRENCH CONCORDE  
MIGHT BE CHARTERED BY OTHER AIRLINES, MIRZOYAN REMARKED  
THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY ANYONE WOULD WISH TO DO  
SO SINCE COSTS EXCEED REVENUES. MIRZOYAN LEFT IMPRESSION  
THAT HIS COMMENT COVERED THE TU-144 AS WELL, ALTHOUGH HE  
WAS NOT QUITE THAT SPECIFIC. HE DID SAY, APPARENTLY  
SPEAKING IN THEORETICAL TERMS, THAT SIZE OF USSR WOULD  
JUSTIFY SUCH EXPENSES MORE READILY THAN WOULD A COUNTRY  
THE SIZE OF FRANCE, THEREBY OVERLOOKING FACT THAT  
CONCORDE IS USED FOR TRANS-OCEANIC TRANSPORT AND TU-144  
IS NOT.

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3. FOR THE RECORD WE NOTE THAT IT SEEMS TO HAVE PROVED  
IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE TRANSPORT FOR US MARAD DELEGATION  
TO SOVIET CENTRAL ASIA BY TU-144, AS EARLIER DISCUSSED  
(REFTEL). TOON

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